

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Public Policy Committee
DRAFT MINUTES
March 16, 2006**

Present: Lori Flood (chair), Janet Adams, (DDD), Leo Finnegan, Larry Garman, Tabitha Harrison (DOH), Leandro Razo, Greg Rodriguez, George Walker, Diana Zottman

Staff: Donna Patrick

Call to Order /Adjust Agenda / Approve January Minutes

Lori called the meeting to order and introductions were made. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

MOTION: Public Policy Committee approves the January meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Final State Budget and Legislative Issues

The committee discussed the final state budget and bills. There will be interim participation or monitoring on the Family Support Task Force, the Autism Task Force, the Long-Term Care Task Force, the Family Support Pilot, the DD community residential program, the Voting Rights bill, consumer input into state bargaining with the union regarding home care workers, community protection legal services and employment services for graduates.

Task Force on Employment Policy Reading 06-03

Committee members and staff of the Council's task force on DDD's Working Age Adult Policy reported on their progress. They have had one meeting so far and plan more. There is good representation from the interested stakeholders – parents, counties, agency, and providers.

Interim Legislative Work

Besides the follow-up and implementation of the issues previously mentioned, the Committee is interested in:

Budget package for the Waiting Game
Residential zoning / siting issues
Models for ombudsman programs
OSPI monitoring on IEP's

Federal Issues

Clare led the Committee through an update on federal issues. The main question raised was around changes to Medicaid and the possibility of making waiver programs separate from the state Medicaid Plan.

Report to Council

The chair will report on the discussions in the Committee.

Next Meeting Agenda

Discuss the interim legislative issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.